Health eConnections™
RHIO Central New York

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Current Stats

Organizations Connected

Hospitals: 17

Practices: 122

Labs/Radiology Centers: 5

Patients with Positive Consent: 764,895

Patients with RHIO Records: 1, 284, 593

Total Users: 381

Transfer to New HealtheConnections System:

What You Should Know

HeC will be transferring to a new system on Monday, May 20 so mark your calendars for the big day! Our support team will hold Training Webinar and Q&A sessions for all users on the dates listed below:

> **Monday, May 13 through Friday, May 17**
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> *Webinar*: **12:00pm - 12:30pm**
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> *Q&A*: **12:30pm - 1:00pm**
>
> **Phone: 866-945-2255 code 810736**
>
> **For additional assistance call (315) 671-2241**
>
> ***Registration Not Required***

What This Means to HeC Participants

- New User IDs and Passwords

- Training for accessing patient records

- Changes in consent management*

  * This does not apply to hospitals

To learn more, be sure to call into the Webinar and Q&A Sessions listed above.

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HealtheConnections enables the secure exchange of health information. Authorized medical providers can quickly and efficiently review their patients' medical records to facilitate diagnosis and treatment. [Click here](#) to see all the services available and view the "What's In It For Me?" chart to see how the health information exchange can benefit your organization.

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Welcome New Practices

Cortland ENT

Endocrine Associates of Oswego

CNY Health Home Network

Hematology Oncology Associates of CNY

Dr. Padma Ram Medical Services

Southern Tier AIDS

Preventive Medicine Associates

Nancy A. Girard, DO

Syracuse Recovery Services

HeC Team

Top Row (L to R):

Molly Landerkin, Lisa Ziankoski, Bob Varno

Middle Row (L to R):

Bart Winnowicz, Sara Weldin, Dennis Sherba, George Hobbs, Tim Kelly

Front Row (L to R):

Rob Hack, Karen Romano, Alicia Schaumberg, Lauren Jillson, Jeremy S. Smith

Health Information Exchange Adoption Summit: Beyond EHRs

Thank you to those who attended the HIE Summit on April 17 at the Genesee Grand Hotel. We had an incredible turnout of 135 participants and stakeholders who heard presentations from Dr. Roberto Martinez (NYSDOH), Paul Wilder (NYeC), and Rob Hack (HealtheConnections) followed by a panel discussion led by Karen Romano.

Dr. Martinez and Wilder communicated the importance of patients, providers, public health, and payers connecting to the HIE, as no single entity can provide all of the necessary tools to improve the care that patients receive. They stressed that with all of these entities working together, the HIE can be used effectively to improve the quality of care and patient satisfaction with a long-term goal of having state-wide connectivity.

In the HealtheConnections presentation, Hack covered the objectives for 2013 including the transfer to a new system, Mirth, which will take place in the upcoming months. The new system will make it easier for users to navigate patient records. For those practices that are not yet hooked up to the HIE, the presentation touched on the practicalities of and necessity for switching to EHRs and connecting with other practices.

After a short break, participants were addressed by a panel comprised of two practice administrators and a director, all of whom are currently using EHRs and the HIE to share patient data quickly and efficiently.

Congratulations to Tamie Kiniry from Upstate Medical – UMAS. Tamie won the HeC raffle and went home with a $25 Red Lobster gift card!

April is National Garlic Month!

Garlic has many positive qualities to improve your health and well-being

- Eating 10 grams (2 tbsp.) or more of garlic each day is associated with **"a statistically significantly lower risk of prostate cancer"** (National Cancer Institute Study)

- One teaspoon of fresh garlic and a half cup of onions each day helps to **remove toxins from the blood cells of healthy women** (Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle)

- Garlic gel can be used to **treat athlete's foot**

Add Garlic to Your Diet!

Mince and add to pasta dishes

Season chicken, meat, or seafood

Sauté and toss into cold salads

Mix into hot soups

Results Delivery

HealtheConnections provides electronic delivery of labs results, radiology reports and hospital reports to physician practices throughout the 11-county region.

Seven EHR vendors are connected, enabling results that the physician is named on as attending, referring, ordering, consulting, copied to, or admitting orders or is CC'd on to be sent to the practice.

Physician practices may find efficiencies from Results Delivery that allows staff to spend less time on the phone to obtain patient records and at the fax machine and scanner, making copies. This allows more time to support patient care. HealtheConnections does not charge for this service.

Not connected? Call your EHR vendor today!

How to Attain Meaningful Use Stage 2

Eligible professionals (EPs) and hospitals need to successfully attest to demonstrating meaningful use of certified electronic health records (EHRs) to qualify for an incentive payment through the Medicare EHR Incentive Program administered by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). EPs and hospitals that are eligible for the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program do not need to attest to meaningful use in their first year of participation, but must adopt, implement or upgrade to an EHR to receive an incentive payment from their State.

To read more about Meaningful Use criteria and objectives, [click here](#).

What Providers Need to Know about EHR Audits

All eligible professionals (EPs), eligible hospitals and critical access hospitals (CAHs) attesting to receive an incentive payment for either the Medicare or Medicaid Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program may be subject to an audit.

Are You Prepared?

Visit the [EHR Incentive Programs page](#) at [CMS.gov](#) for resources to help you get ready for a potential audit.